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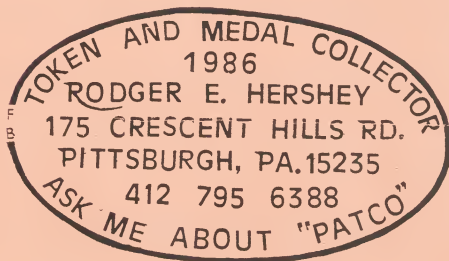
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Project PATCO Update

Two of the areas that we were concentrating on in our Project PATCO research involved varieties of specific tokens. These two Pennsylvania trade tokens, described in the September 1990 journal (Vol. 7-Issue 3), were issued by the Colley Novelty Co. of Allegheny and the Rieck-McJunkin Dairy Co. of Pittsburgh.

Collectors Herman Aqua, Jim Kriss, Larry Dziubek and Melvin Reiter all helped with the two merchants in question.

The Colley Novelty Co. tokens (Rd., 20mm, Br.) have different letters featured on the reverse of the pieces. We knew of eight different letters last year, but now have three more varieties to add to the list.

The known varieties of Colley Novelty tokens are now as follows (new listings in italics): A; *B*; C; D; E; F; G; H; J. *Varieties have also been reported with an "H" counterstamped over a J; and a completely blank reverse.*

Although it may seem obvious that a letter "I" variety should also exist, don't forget that the merchant may have avoided this particular letter on purpose since it could be confused with the Roman numeral "one".

Concerning the different numbers on the obverse of the Rieck-McJunkin Dairy tokens (Rd., 24mm, Al.), there were four numbers added to the original list. In this case, it seems safer to assume that the numbers still unlisted between 1 and 32 simply have yet to be reported.

The known varieties of Rieck-McJunkin school dairy tokens are now as follows: 1; 2; 3; 6; 9; 12; 13; 14; 16; 17; 18; 19; 20; 23; 24; 28; 29; 31; 32.

Chronological History of Ewing B. Colley

Pre-1900	Not listed in business directories.
1900	Listed by the L. Polk & Co. and R.L. Dudley business directory as being connected with a shooting gallery at 106 Erie St.
1901-05	Listed as either a salesman or an agent at 1214 Race St.
1906	Advertises his business as being "Novelties." Still at 1214 Race.
1907	Allegheny City gets incorporated into the City of Pittsburgh, and Colley disappears from directories.

Chronological History of Edward E. Rieck

- 1881 Begins driving a milk wagon, pulled by a horse, along Jane Street on the South Side.
- 1884-85 Listed by Polk directories as a grocer at 1809-10 Jane St.
- 1886-91 Listed as milk dealer at 1809 Jane St.
- 1892-93 Forms Edward E. Rieck & Co. at 46 Fourth St.
- 1894-96 Company moves to 528 Grant St.
- 1897-1917 Name changes to Edward E. Rieck Co. (Rieck listed as president) and moves to permanent location at the corner of Forbes (No. 1345) and Stevenson (No. 24). Starts manufacturing ice cream with the expanded facilities.
- 1918 Rieck-McJunkin Dairy Co. created, absorbing the McJunkin-Straight Dairy Co.
- 1922 Advertises branches in New Castle, Butler, McKeesport and Charleroi.
- 1928 Wheeling, WV, advertised as a branch.
- 1930 Indiana, PA, advertised as a branch.
- 1932 Wheeling no longer advertised.
- 1936 McKeesport no longer advertised.
- 1938 Branches advertised as Butler, Charleroi, Indiana, New Castle, Altoona, Barnesboro, Bedford, Huntingdon, Lewistown, Meadville, Oil City, and Cumberland (Md.)
- 1939 Elkins, WV, added to the above list.
- 1944 Mrs. Edward E. (Mary) Rieck listed as a widow.
- 1953 Name changes to Rieck Dairy Co.

-- References for the above graph include The Story of Pittsburgh (Vol. I, No. 12, Dec. 1925; published by the First National Bank of Pittsburgh); and the L. Polk and Co. and R.L. Dudley business directories.

More information on the Rieck-McJunkin Dairy Co. can be found in a story by Jim Kriss in Vol. I, Issue I of the May 1984 PATCO Journal. --



Dues Deadline ⁸⁻⁷

This issue marks the beginning of a new Volume, which means that the 1990 membership year expired with the previous issue in March. Members not paid up for this new year will be dropped from the mailing list after this issue (the red "X" accompanying some journals is intended to notify delinquent members).

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In related business, we are considering the publication of another membership roster (such as the one printed in the July 1990 journal). Thus if you haven't yet reported a change of address or if you want a brief change in your "collecting interests", please send it to the editor before July.

Speaking of the editor, I had to write all the stories for the last issue. My ideas aren't exhausted yet, but I'm certainly no Rulau with unlimited sources of information that will last for years.

Thus in order to generate more articles from members, the club officers are requesting some input on whether an offer of prizes (such as a year's free dues) for the best articles would provide collectors with an incentive to write. Any other ideas?

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*PA Centennial Good-For Tokens
by Bob Gardner*



-- Enlarged to show detail in reverse error --

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PA Centennial/Anniversary 8-11 Souvenir Good-For Tokens

by Bob Gardner

Listed below are the Centennial/Anniversary (Souvenir) good-for tokens that I am aware of from Pennsylvania.

In some cases, tokens inscribed as "Official Coins" were used in trade by the issuing towns so I consider them as good-for tokens and include them in my list. The Bowmansville 1970 piece is an "Official Souvenir Coin."

If anyone is aware of any like token not listed, please let me know. My address is: Bob Gardner, 132 E. Carmans Road, E. Farmingdale, NY 11735.

The only publication that currently lists this type of token is *"The Handbook of United States Municipal Trade Currency"* by Jean-Guy Cote of Toronto, Canada.

Steve Tureen of LaQuinta, Cal., is long overdue with his proposed book entitled, *"Souvenir and Commemorative Tokens of the United States."*

Abbreviations used in the list are coded as follows: BR = Brass; AB = Antique Brass; BZ = Bronze; NI = Nickel; NS = Nickel-Silver; CO = Copper; AL = Aluminum; PL = Plastic; OC = Official Coin.

1010a	AMITY TOWNSHIP	1969	BR	.50
1010b		1974	BR	.50
1020a	BEAVER FALLS "Redeemable"	1968	BR	.50
1020b	"Redeemable"	1968	BR	.50
1030a	BERWICK	1961	BR	.50
1040a	BESSEMER	1963	NI	.50
1050a	BIGLERVILLE	1967	BR	1.00
1060a	BLAKELY	1967	BR	.50
1070a	BOWMANVILLE	1970	BZ (OC)	
1080a	BOYERTOWN	1966	BR	.50
1080b		1976	BR	.50
1090a	BURNHAM	1961	BR	.50
1100a	BUTLER (possibly not PA)	1941	NI	.10
1110a	CAMBRIA COUNTY	1954	BR	.50
1120a	CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS	1966	NS	1.00
1120b		1966	AB	1.00
1130a	CHAMBERSBURG	1953	BR	.50
1130b		1962	BR	.50
1140a	CHARLEROI	1965	BR	.50
	COALDALE (see SIX MILE RUN)			
1150a	COATESVILLE	1967	BR	.50

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Centennial (Souvenir) Continued...

1160a	CORRY	1961	BR	.50
1170a	DALLASTOWN	1966	BR	.50
1170b		1966	NS	.50
1170c		1966	AL	.50
1180a	DUNCANNON	1965	BR	.50
1190a	DUNMORE	1962	BR	.50
1200a	ELIZABETHVILLE	1967	BR	.50
1210a	ELLWOOD CITY	1967	BR	.50
1220a	ERIE (EXP 2-6)	1963	BR	.50
1220b	(EXP 6-5)	1963	BR	.50
1220c	(EXP 6-5)	1963	CO	.50
1220d	(EXP 8-7)	1963	BR	.50
1220e	"Permissible Copy"	1963	BR	N/A
1230a	EXETER (Reading)	1967	BR	.50
1240a	FOREST CITY	1964	BR	.50
1250a	FOREST HILLS	1969	BR	.50
1260a	FRANKLIN AREA	1968	BR	.50
1270a	FREEPORT	1933	BR	.25
	GREATER NANTICOKE AREA (see NANTICOKE)			
1280a	HALIFAX	1969	NS	.50
1290a	HANOVER	1963	BR	.50
1300a	HAZELTON	1957	BR	.50
1310a	HIGHSPIRE "Sesqui centennial"	1964	BR	.50
1310b	"Sesqui-centennial"	1964	BR	.50
1320a	HUMMELSTOWN	1962	BR	.50
1330a	HUNTINGDON	1967	BR	.50
1340a	INDIANA	1966	BR	1.00
1340b	(Proof)	1966	BR	1.00
1340c	(Proof)	1966	NS	1.00
1350a	IRWIN	1964	BR	.50
1350b		1964	AB	.50
1360a	JEANNETTE	1963	BR	.50
1360b		1963	AB	.50
	(also up/up; up/down inverted die varieties)			
1370a	JONESTOWN (up/down) (solid)	1961	BR	.50
1370b	(up/up) (holed)	1961	BR	.50
1380a	KANE (holed)	1964	BR	.50
1390a	LATROBE	1954	BR	.50
1400a	LEHIGHTON	1966	BR	.50
1400b		1966	AB	.50
1410a	LINGLESTOWN	1965	BR	.50
1420a	LITTLESTOWN	1965	BR	.50
1430a	LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP	1967	BR	.50
1430b		1967	AB	.50
1440a	MALVERN	1964	BR	.50
1450a	MANHEIM	1962	BR	.50
1460a	MARIETTA	1962	BR	.50

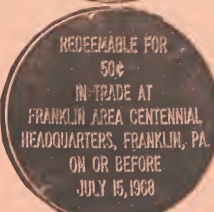
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1470a	MARYSVILLE	1966 BR	.50
1480a	McSHERRYSTOWN	1963 BR	.50
1490a	MILTON	1967 NS	.50
1500a	MONACA (Monaca Area)	1965 BR	.50
1510a	MOUNT CARMEL	1962 BR	.50
1520a	MOUNT LEBANON TOWNSHIP	1962 BR	.50
	(incuse & raised letter varieties on CEDAR TREE)		
1530a	MOUNTVILLE	1964 BR	.50
1540a	NANTICOKE	1968 BR	.50
1540b		1968 NS	.50
1550a	NEW BRIGHTON	1963 NS	.50
1560a	NEW KENSINGTON	1966 AL	.50
1570a	NEW WILMINGTON	1963 BR	.50
1570b		1963 NS	.50
1580a	NORRISTOWN	1962 BR	.50
1580b		1962 BR	.50
1590a	OIL CITY (Pithole City)	1965 BR	.50
1600a	OLDE DALLAS AREA	1967 BR	.50
1610a	PERRY COUNTY	1970 BR	(OC)
1610b		1970 NS	(OC)
	PITHOLE CITY (see OIL CITY)		
1620a	PLYMOUTH	1966 BR	.50
1620b		1966 NS	.50
1620c		1966 AL	.50
1630a	PORT ALLEGHANY	1966 BR	.50
1640a	POTTSVILLE	1956 BR	.50
	READING (see EXETER)		
1650a	SCHAEFFERSTOWN (holed)	1963 BR	.50
1660a	SHAMOKIN	1964 BR	.50
	(also issued with ".50" denomination removed)		
1670a	SHENANDOAH (holed)	1966 NS	.50
1680a	SHICKSHINNY	1961 BR	.50
1690a	SIX MILE RUN - COALDALE	1965 BR	.50
1700a	SOUDERTON	1962 BR	.50
1710a	SPRING CITY	1967 BR	.50
1720a	STROUDSBURG (holed)	1965 NS	.50
1730a	TOWER CITY	1968 NS	.50
1740a	VENANGO COUNTY (Brown)	1955 PL	.25
1750a	WATSONTOWN	1967 BR	.50
1760a	WAYNESBORO	1963 BR	.50
1770a	WESTFIELD	1967 BR	.50
1780a	WILLIAMSPORT	1956 BR	.50
1790a	YORK ("In 50¢ Trade")	1966 BR	.50
1790b	(50¢)	1966 BR	.50
1800a	YOUNGSVILLE	1963 BR	.50
1800b		1963 AB	.50

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by Herman M. Aqua
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by Bob Gardner



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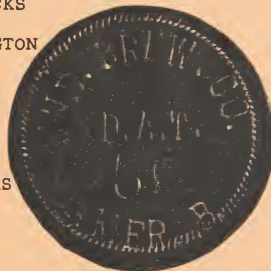
Below is a copy of the Independent Brewing Co. tokens that I have compiled, and that will be listed in my future book on Pennsylvania tokens.

I'd appreciate hearing from any members who have other varieties of Independent Brewing Co. tokens to make the listing more complete.

Information needed on new varieties is: exact wording, line by line (note if incused lettering); type of metal (usually brass); size; and shape.

Send listings to: Dr. Herman M. Aqua, 487 Bennett St., Luzerne, PA 18709.

IND. BREW. CO-A.K. -- PITTSBURGH-I
 IND. BREW. CO-A.R. -- PITTSBURGH-I
 IND. BREW. CO. A.S. -- PITTSBURGH-I
 IND. BREW. CO.-C. & A. -- McKEES ROCKS
 IND. BREW. CO.-D.A.T. -- ALLEGHENY
 IND. BREW. CO.-E.L.C. -- NEW KENSINGTON
 IND. BREW. CO.-E.S. -- McKEES ROCKS
 IND. BREW. CO-E.T.W. -- ALLEGHENY
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 IND. BREW. CO-P G. -- PITTSBURGH-I
 IND. BREW. CO.-T.S.S. -- NEW KENSINGTON
 IND. BREW. CO,-W.S. -- NEW KENSINGTON
 IND. BREW CO-W.W. -- ALLEGHENY
 IND. BRG. CO., BRADDOCK;..Grandview -- BRADDOCK
 IND. BRG. CO., BRADDOCK;..Union -- BRADDOCK
 IND. BRG. CO-C.F.R. -- PITTSBURGH-I
 IND. BRG. CO-C.H.B. -- PITTSBURGH-I
 IND. BRG CO.-C.V.B. -- CARNEGIE
 IND. BRG. CO-G.E. -- PITTSBURGH-I
 IND. BRG. CO-H.B. -- PITTSBURGH-I
 IND. BRG. CO-H.E.W. -- PITTSBURGH-I
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 IND. BRG. CO.-H.M. & F. -- PITTSBURGH-I
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 IND. BRG. CO-L.C. -- PITTSBURGH-I



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Brewery mavericks continued

IND. BRG. CO-N.J.B. -- PITTSBURGH-I
 IND. BRG. CO-N.W.D. -- PITTSBURGH-I
 IND. BRG. CO-S.A.W. -- PITTSBURGH-I
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 INDEPENDENT BREWING CO. GLOBE NOBLE -- MONONGAHELA
 INDEPENDENT BREWING CO. HILL TOP M.S. -- PITTSBURGH-I
 INDEPENDENT BREWING CO. HOMESTEAD H T -- HOMESTEAD
 INDEPENDENT BREWING CO. J.N. -- McKEES ROCKS
 INDEPENDENT BREWING CO., McD -- NEW KENSINGTON
 INDEPENDENT BREWING CO., W.S. -- NEW KENSINGTON
 INDEPENDENT BREWING, HILLTOP J. HAYS -- PITTSBURGH-I
 INDEPENDENT BREWING, HILL TOP W.E. -- PITTSBURGH-I
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*Secretary-Treasurer's Report*

First, in behalf of the club, I want to thank Rodger Hershey for the work he has done in the past as our secretary-treasurer.

Rodger had been in this office since the club was formed. He now continues his work with PATCO as president.

In August, Rodger and I got together, and all the records and finances of the club were turned over to me.

As of Sept. 25, we have \$487.71 in the bank. We have 105 members currently enrolled. Nine members did not continue their membership.

Although we are financially sound, we need to continue to attract new members to our club. I have membership applications available, so just send me a request or see me at the swap meet.

We will be conducting a short business meeting in Carlisle. Bring your traders to the swap meet, because lots of trading, buying and selling always goes on.

We had a great time last year and time really flew. Check out the time and place in the swap notice of this journal.

Jim Hartman



What mystery does this wooden nickel unfold? See next page!



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## Update on PA Centennial/ Anniversary Good-For List

In the July-August edition of the PATCO Journal (Volume 8-Issue 2), clubmember Bob Gardner listed all the Pennsylvania Centennial (or Anniversary) Souvenir Good-For tokens known to him at the time.

The article listed tokens which cities issued during anniversary celebrations. The tokens were either inscribed with specific denominations, or the word "Coin," thus giving them the distinction as "Good-Fors."

Since publication, new discoveries have prompted the change of some numbers and the deletion of one of the pieces. The Butler 10-cent token dated 1941, which was designated as number 1100a, should be eliminated from the list because it is definitely from Indiana.

Bob got confirmation in a letter from Lyndia Suntken, who is the secretary-treasurer for the "Butler Days Committee," which is celebrating the Indiana town's 150th anniversary this year.

"Since we have started planning our Sesquicentennial, a few people have come forth with a token from 1941," wrote Ms. Suntken, who sent Bob a wooden nickel from this year's celebration.

In addition to some alterations concerning holed and unholed varieties, other updated listings below feature two previously unlisted tokens from the early 1970's. Both the Mars and New Oxford tokens do not have specific denominations, but are inscribed as "Commemorative Coins" (CC).

| <u>No.</u> | <u>City</u>                                        | <u>Date/Metal</u>      | <u>Denom.</u> |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 1380a      | KANE (unholed/solid)                               | 1964 Brass             | .50           |
| 1380b      | KANE (holed)                                       | 1964 Brass             | .50           |
| 1465a      | MARS                                               | 1973 Antique Brass(CC) |               |
| 1520a      | MOUNT LEBANON TOWNSHIP<br>(incuse letters on TREE) | 1962 Brass             | .50           |
| 1520b      | MOUNT LEBANON TOWNSHIP<br>(raised letters)         | 1962 Brass             | .50           |
| 1565a      | NEW OXFORD                                         | 1974 Bronze            | (CC)          |
| 1650a      | SCHAEFFERSTOWN (unholed)                           | 1963 Brass             | .50           |
| 1650b      | SCHAEFFERSTOWN (holed)                             | 1963 Brass             | .50           |
| 1720a      | STROUDSBURG (unholed)                              | 1965 Nickel-Silver     | .50           |
| 1720b      | STROUDSBURG (holed)                                | 1965 Nickel-Silver     | .50           |
| 1800b      | YOUNGSVILLE (holed)                                | 1963 Brass             | .50           |
| 1800c      | YOUNGSVILLE                                        | 1963 Antique Brass     | .50           |



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"Callahan for Senator"  
"Hotel Connor/Conner"*



(PAN show gifts: elongated PATCO cent & wooden dollar)  
(Elongated pix is enlarged; wood dollar is actual size)

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# Hotel Connor/Conner

by Rich Bottles Jr.



With all the talk lately about the hundreds of varieties of Pennsylvania brewery tokens, especially the pieces representing the Independent Brewing Company of western Pennsylvania, I decided to look into the history of one of the more interesting examples.

You can look through Pittsburgh business directories and biographical history books for hours in search of a reference for the *Hotel Connor* and never find it.

This isn't necessarily because the bitter old fussbudgets at the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society library refuse to bring you the proper materials, but is most likely because the name of the hotel is apparently misspelled on the token.

There may not be any historical record of a *Hotel Conner* in Pittsburgh, but there are quite a few references identifying a *Hotel Connor*. In fact, both the hotel and its owner were quite well known just after the turn of the century.

In the same way that history has distorted his name, references don't agree on the place where James R. Connor was born. Connor can be traced to be a native of both Penn (Hills) and Pine Township, Allegheny County.

But the rest of Connor's story is no mystery.

Destined to be one of seven children in the family of an Irish immigrant, James R. Connor was born on an Allegheny County farm on Oct. 27, 1869.

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## Hotel continued...

At the age of 10, his family moved to Pittsburgh where he attended school on the South Side until he was 18. After leaving school, he began working as a clerk in the Pittsburgh office of the Rock Island railroad company.

When he decided that the railroad job was not a mighty fine line of work, he left after three years to work as a salesman, a fire extinguisher agent and an employee of the Pittsburgh Iron Mill.

In February of 1900, Connor ran as a "Citizen's party" candidate for a five-year term as Alderman (councilman) of the Seventh Ward.

In a surprising victory, he easily defeated 15-year incumbent S.T. Richards, who had been running as a crossfiled candidate with three parties - Democrat, Republican and Independent.

As was the case with his work history, Connor also didn't stay long in his position as alderman. He resigned after four years to open the Hotel Connor on May 14, 1904.

Located at the corner of Homewood and Frankstown avenues, the Hotel Connor soon became a popular meeting place for the residents of the Homewood area of Pittsburgh.

The hotel featured a large bar, running the length of the building; a separate cafe room; an English-styled open fire place; a large collection of portraits, including engravings and English prints; a banquet room on the second floor; and 30 guest rooms.

Having what had been called one of the most attractive restaurant rooms in the Greater Pittsburgh area, Connor probably wouldn't have been worried that a misspelled name on a token might cause confusion among Pittsburghers.

The 24-mm, brass, incuse trade token is blank on the reverse and has the following inscription stamped on the obverse: IND. BRG. C<sup>2</sup> / 5 / HOTEL CONNER / DUQUESNE.

*References for the above article include: Memoirs of Allegheny County Pennsylvania, Northwestern Historical Association, Madison, Wisc., 1904; Up-Town - Greater Pittsburg's Classic Section - East End - The World's Most Beautiful Suburb, The Pittsburgh Board of Trade, 1907; A Century and a Half of Pittsburg and Her People by John W. Jordan, The Lewis Publishing Co., 1908.*



## Callahan for Senator

by Rich Bottles Jr.

The problem with some promotional types of political tokens and medals is that most of the time the pieces are doomed to remain mavericks because the featured political office or person was too insignificant to be remembered in the history books, especially if the person loses the election.

Sometimes just enough information is provided on such maverick tokens to give exonumists a lead on where the piece originated from. This is the case with Henry B. Callahan's contribution to the field of token collecting.

I found my first aluminum Callahan piece at a flea market in Butler County and then found another at an auction that was held next door to my home in Harmony. I later obtained the only brass example of the token that I've ever seen through a mail bid auction, which I had originally thought was misattributed as brass.

Since the token promotes Callahan's bid for a Senatorial District covering both Butler and Armstrong counties, I was eager to learn exactly which county to attribute it to.

The date on the token and a trip to the local library was all I needed to find out all about Callahan's rather disappointing campaign.

In 1940, Callahan lived at an RD#1, Butler, address and served as the president-treasurer of the Rainbow Rubber Co. (it's too bad he wasn't resourceful enough to mint his tokens out of hard rubber).

Callahan was running for the 41st Senatorial District in the primaries against fellow Republicans Jacob W. Carr and James T. McCandless.

Carr was an agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. and McCandless was a humble farmer, thus Callahan was favored to win because of his high-profile work on Pennsylvania Governor Arthur H. James's "Butler County Patronage Committee."

Callahan's political ads in the local newspaper touted him as a "businessman, a farmer, an employer and a public-spirited citizen."

Although the newspaper called Callahan the front runner, it also reported in a front page story that "light balloting is predicted due to an apparent lack of public interest."

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Callahan continued...

There were 23,538 registered Republicans in Butler County at the time, but none of the politicians were even able to obtain 5,000 votes from the county. The low turnout of his own county especially hurt Callahan, and he fell to Carr by almost 1,500 votes in Butler.

The final results gave Carr the victory with a total of 6,962 votes (4,615 in Butler County and 2,347 in Armstrong), and put Callahan in second with 5,485 votes (3,195 in Butler and 2,290 for Armstrong).

Although his tokens didn't help him get elected (or even past the primaries), Callahan's contribution to the field of Pennsylvania exonumia has at least allowed his name to stand the test of time, which is more than Jacob Carr can say.

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VICTORY / 1940 / VICTORY

(Al. &amp; Br., 28mm, Rd., Sd.)



## Minutes...

If you remove the expletives used to get the swap meeting started, then there's not much left to the minutes of the Oct. 26 meeting. The only matter of business was the announcement that Dick Buckley submitted a letter of resignation from his vice president position. He gave no reason for his decision.



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## *Pennsylvania Area Token Collectors Organization*

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*(Enlarged photo of a maverick lunch token from one of  
Pittsburgh's schools. PATCO is asking members to report  
similar lunch tokens from the city of Pittsburgh)*

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# School Lunch Tokens of Pittsburgh

by Rich Bottles Jr.

When old-timers boast that a lunch only cost a nickel when they went to school, I guess they can prove it by pointing to the lunch tokens used in the city schools of Pittsburgh, Pa. But don't forget that they had to "walk 10 miles to school" in order to get that lunch.

With today's laws covering nutritional standards and serving temperatures, the days of the 5-cent school lunch have been long gone. However, remnants of this era still pop up occasionally at flea markets and antique shows.

It wasn't until the appearance of three different lunch tokens from Pittsburgh schools that collectors stopped reminiscing and started wondering just how many schools were represented by tokens.

The three known tokens are similar in that they are all composed of aluminum, measure between 27-29mm, feature 5¢ denominations and display blank reverses.

The trade tokens are from Allderdice, Herron Hill and Peabody, but the list of schools within the city of Pittsburgh when these three were all in existence is much longer.

Thus, as a project of the Pennsylvania Area Token Collectors Organization, we are asking exnumists to look through their mavericks in order to determine how many Pittsburgh schools used the tokens.

Pittsburgh schools that may have issued tokens when the other three were using them include: Allegheny, Arsenal, Baxter, Carrick, Fifth, Frick, Gladstone, Knoxville, Langley, Latimer, Oliver, Overbrook, Perry, Prospect, Schenley, South Hills and Westinghouse.

If you can identify tokens from any of the above schools, please send a full description (composition, size, and the order of all letters and punctuation), or a good rubbing, to: Rich Bottles Jr., PATCO Journal editor, P.O. Box 492, Harmony, PA 16037.



## SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

The swap meet held at Carlisle last year was a huge success. Everyone took home something. My only complaint was that the time went by too quickly. We had a good turnout, at least 20 members signed the roster. This year the P.A.N. show will be held in Pittsburgh at the Convention Center. We will hold a swap meet there in October.

A brief business meeting was held during the swap. A letter was read to the members concerning the resignation of Dick Buckley from the club. Dick was our vice-president. Our bylaws did not have a way of establishing a successor for a vacant officer other than the president's position. A change has been made as follows:

In the event of a vacancy of an officer other than the president, a successor shall be appointed by the following methods:

1) The runner-up from the previous election shall be appointed to the vacant position by the president.

2) If there is no runner-up in the previous election, then the president shall appoint a successor to the vacant position.

Other business discussed included an ongoing membership drive and the brewery token project being conducted by various members.

I want to remind everyone that display ads are very cheap to run in the journal. This is a way of cutting costs as there will not be a dues increase for membership as long as possible. Paid ads as well as the free classifieds should be sent to our editor.

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THE U.L. & B.A. TOKEN OF MONESSEN, PENNSYLVANIA  
By William J. Adams



U.L. & B.A. / GOOD FOR / 1 / FARE / MONESSEN, PA.

GOOD FOR / 5 / IN TRADE

RD AL 21.5 (small D cutout)

I have researched the following token in the Monessen library, the City Clerk's office, the Community Development Office, the elderly high rise, and the independent valley newspaper. During all of this searching I met and talked with Mitchel Steen, the retired editor of the Valley Independent newspaper. He is putting together a history of the trolley organization and growth of Monessen.

The U.L. & B.A. on the token is for UKRAINIAN LITERARY AND BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION. This organization started in 1914, located at 5<sup>th</sup> Schoonmaker Avenue, and is still there and operating. I talked with Mr. John Dropp, the current president of the association, who is 77 years old. The organization, I was told, was formed to help Ukrainian immigrants get along, learn the English language, and to provide them a home base away from their original homes.

The association was using a brass trade token good for 5c in trade, in the 1940's (see below). That token was good in the club toward the purchase of food and drink. Six years ago they started using plastic bar checks (also see below). The aluminum fare token, which is the one we are interested in, was probably used in the 1920's and 1930's for members to have transportation to ride between the club and their homes, on the trolley which ran in front of the club on Schoonmaker Avenue. It is also just possible--although this is only a surmise--that the token was good toward the purchase of food and drink in the club.

On March 10, 1903, the first trial run of a trolley occurred in Monessen. the car bore the inscription BEAVER VALLEY TRACTION COMPANY. At one end a sign read CAR NO. 11 and at the other end it said U.S. MAIL. The Webster, Monessen, Belle Vernon and Fayette City Street Railway was organized May 1, 1903. Its line ran from Webster through the towns listed to Fayette City. It was later expanded by the same interests with West Side Electric Street Railway Company, which ran from Charleroi Bridge to Charleroi. In 1914 it was extended to Bartleyville.

All of the above eventually ran down Schoonmaker Avenue in Monessen, in front of the Ukrainian Literary & Beneficial Association. This made it convenient for

the members to get back and forth between the club and their homes, using the aluminum fare token.

I was unable to find another token, so this is the only one known so far. The Executive Director of the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority told me it was not uncommon for such organizations to provide transportation for the members to get back and forth from their clubs.

(This article is reprinted with the author's permission with minor changes and first appeared in the February 1989 issue of the American Vecturist Association.)

UKRAINIAN CLUB / 5" / MONESSEN, PA.

UKRAINIAN CLUB / VALUE / 5¢ / IN TRADE / TOKEN

RD BR 22



U.L.B.A. / MONESSEN, PA.

DRAFT/BEER

RD BLUE PLAS (GOLD IMPRINT) 28



U.L.B.A. / MONESSEN, PA.

WHISKEY

RD WHITE PLAS (BLACK IMPRINT)



U.B.L.A. / MONESSEN, PA.

BOTTLED / BEER

RD RED PLAS (GOLD IMPRINT) 28



## PATCO SWAP & MEETING

### **Saturday, Feb. 22, 1992**

A meeting and swap will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Malanos Building, 3025 Washington Road (Route 19).

To get there: Go to the intersection of Fort Couch Road and Route 19-Washington Rd., which is beside South Hills Village Mall and the Consolidated Coal Co. (where previous swaps have been held).

Continue south on Route 19 toward Washington approximately four miles. On your left, you will first pass Sun Chevrolet, then Ali Baba's Brass & Copper (which is adjacent to the Malanos Building). Park in the rear and use the back door. For more information, call Rodger Hershey at (412) 795-6388.



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*"B.P.O.E. #2249 Tokens"*

*by Jim Hartman*

*"Secretary-Treasurer Report"*



(The list of maverick 5¢ aluminum high school lunch tokens from Pittsburgh is extending thanks to the addition of Allegheny High School, which popped up in the April "A.T.C.O. MAVERICKS" column as #2902. Pieces from Langley and Westinghouse have also been reported, but no rubbings or photocopies were available. Other possible schools to look out for include Arsenal, Baxter, Carrick, Fifth, Frick, Gladstone, Knoxville, Latimer, Oliver, Overbrook, Perry, Prospect, Schenley and South Hills).

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## B.P.O.E. 2249

by: Jim Hartman

The following article is about a lodge that had confused me in the past as you shall see. The lodge was chartered 30 years ago on March 15, 1962, as Warrendale Lodge 2249, with William Cole as the first member. The first officers were installed by the Butler Elks Lodge 170 on February 12, 1962. They were William Cole, first exalted ruler, and Frank Florak as Secretary. One of the officers, Paul Q. Lafayette is currently state president.

The original location of the lodge was a farmhouse located next to the Auction Barn on Route 19, about two miles north of the Pennsylvania Turnpike interchange. In May 1971 the lodge moved to its present location about a mile farther north. This structure is almost 90 years old and was part of a farm owned by the Jones family. The building retains the original decorative front pillars. The former barn became the Heathwood Tea House and later a rooming house. The lodge purchased this property from the rooming house owner.

Ground was broken in April 1977 for a two-story addition to the building that contains two 40 by 100 foot halls and a large kitchen. With the two banquet halls the lodge provides a location for many special events and various receptions. Recently in preparation for the 30th anniversary the lodge was renovated. Many of its 500-plus members helped in the refurbishing that involved many volunteer hours of work. The lodge has earned many awards for its charitable activities.

The confusing part of this story is that the lodge changed its name in 1986 to Cranberry Elks Lodge 2249 to better identify the group with the growing community in which it is located. I had always thought that the lodge had started in Warrendale, a small community located about two miles south of the turnpike interchange. This is not the case as the lodge has always been in Cranberry Township. To add to the confusion, many local telephone directories still list both names.

The tokens used at the lodge (or "chips" as the members call them) were issued with both names. The Warrendale issues are still good for a drink. The 22 millimeter tokens were issued first and the yellow, white, and purple Cranberry tokens are the latest ones to be used. All tokens are listed in the order of issue. This listing contains all the tokens the lodge has ever used. Recently, after many visits, I was able to obtain the 22 millimeter blue token. It was the last one I needed for the complete the listing of these tokens.

ELKS / 2249 / WARRENDALE / PA.  
GOOD FOR / ONE / DRAFT  
RD WHITE PLAS. 22 (BLACK IMPRINT)

ELKS / 2249 / WARRENDALE / PA.  
GOOD FOR / 1 BOTTLE / BEER  
RD RED PLAS. 22 (WHITE IMPRINT)



ELKS / 2249 / WARRENDALE / PA.  
GOOD FOR / ONE / WHISKEY  
RD BLUE PLAS. 22 (WHITE IMPRINT)

ELKS  
2249  
WARRENDALE  
PA.

GOOD FOR  
ONE  
WHISKEY

WARRENDALE / (ELK EMBLEM) / #2249  
GOOD FOR / ONE / DRAFT  
RD WHITE PLAS. 28 (GOLD IMPRINT)



WARRENDALE / (ELK EMBLEM) / #2249  
GOOD FOR / 1 BOTTLE / BEER  
RD RED PLAS. 28 (WHITE IMPRINT)



WARRENDALE / (ELK EMBLEM) / #2249  
GOOD FOR / ONE / WHISKEY  
RD BLUE PLAS. 28 (GOLD IMPRINT)

(ELK EMBLEM) / #2249 / CRANBERRY, / PA.  
GOOD / FOR ONE / DRINK  
RD RED PLAS. 28 (GOLD IMPRINT)



(ELK EMBLEM) / #2249 / CRANBERRY, / PA.  
GOOD / FOR ONE / DRINK  
RD YELLOW PLAS. 28 (BLACK IMPRINT)



(ELK EMBLEM) / #2249 / CRANBERRY, / PA.  
DRAFT  
RD WHITE PLAS. 28 (BLACK IMPRINT)



(ELK EMBLEM) / #2249 / CRANBERRY, / PA.  
TOP / SHELF  
RD PURPLE PLAS. 28 (BLACK IMPRINT)

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The last swap meet held at the Malanos Building, Feb. 22, was enjoyed by everyone. In all about 20 people attended. We signed a new member to the club. A lot of items of note were brought up by the membership during this meeting.

News about the October PAN show took up most of the meeting. First, there is a call for suggestions for the design of this year's elongated cent. The design should have some connection to the host city, Pittsburgh, and the artwork should not be too complicated-no shading just line work. All drawings should be sent to Rodger Hershey as soon as possible. An auction by Charles Kirtley will be held immediately after the swap. This means the room will have to be vacated sooner the normal.

As for the auction, everyone that desires will receive a copy. A copy of the membership roster will be given to Chuck. Anyone who desires can have his name removed from the roster (for any reason) by completing the green form enclosed in this issue. Also anyone who has new interests or desires to have a phone number listed can do so. To save on postage, send this form with your 1992 dues to me.

As for dues, everyone should check the journal envelope to see if dues need to be paid. Other news involved the continuation of the Allegheny County brewery token project and other token listings. If anyone has new additions write to Rich Bottles or others listed in previous issues.

Jim Hartman

## Editor's note...

*It's that time of year again, thus this friendly reminder that the PATCO membership year begins in May. Some of you already paid your dues at the beginning of the year, so you can ignore this notice. But now's the time for the rest of us to send in our dues to treasurer Jim Hartman and keep our club strong for another year. Speaking of Jim, he deserves the thanks of me and the membership for the tremendous help that he provided on these last two issues. I've been in the process of moving and haven't had as much time as usual to work on the PATCO Journal. I should have a new address to list in the next issue, but in the meantime I'm still receiving all my mail at the address listed in the front. So keep those free ads and stories coming!*

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